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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q61610

Toshio MORITA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/878,187

Group Art Unit: 1754

Confirmation No.: 1960

Examiner: Peter J. Lish

Filed: June 12, 2001

For: CARBON FIBER, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME AND APPARATUS
THEREFOR

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2004, the period of response to which has been extended for three months by a concurrently filed Petition for Extension of Time and attached fee, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

The Office Action of July 13, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

Claims 1 to 5, 13 and 15 to 17 are all the claims pending in the application.

The Examiner sets forth three separate rejections of the claims, beginning at page 3 of the Office Action. Before setting forth these rejections, the Examiner, at page 2 of the Office Action, responds to arguments that applicants have submitted in connection with the rejection of